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ICARUS



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PROLOGUE :

Landscape With The Fall of Icarus

According to Brueghel
when Icarus fell
it was spring

a farmer was ploughing
his field
the whole pageantry

of the year was
awake tingling
near

the edge of the sea
concerned
with itself

sweating in the sun
that melted
the wings' wax

unsignificantly
off the coast
there was

a splash quite unnoticed
this was
Icarus drowning

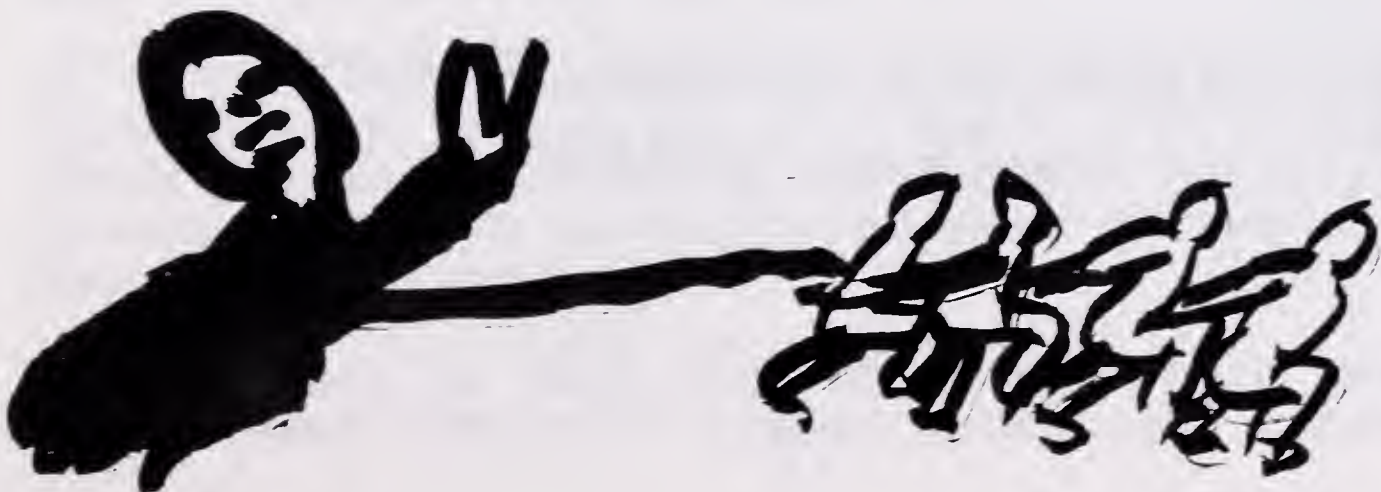
-William Carlos Williams

- ① DANCE OF ANIMALS WHO ARE
HUMANS RIDDEN BY DEMONS
- ② PLOUGHING

ACT 1 : 3 SERIOUS MEN



- ① INTIMACY AND UPRIGHT SLEEP (ACCOMPANIED BY CHAIR ORCHESTRA)
- ② 3 SERIOUS MEN PULLED AWAY
- ③ CHAIRS DESTROYED
- ④ WOMEN INSIDE WOMEN



ACT 2 : THE WHITE LADIES



① FISHING

② SERIOUS MEN RETURN
WITH TANK

ACT 3 : INSURRECTION ORATORIO (TEXT: COMPLIMENTS OF NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPT.)

Man may have completed an evolutionary cycle in his fight to survive in a hostile world -- he's back in a cave.

A small modern community has been hollowed out of a 100-million-year-old mountain a few miles south of Colorado Springs, Colorado...

The hands on a clock and not a window tell its population day and night, and seasons are a matter of calendar, not climate. Inside the complex rain, snow, sunshine and moonglow are all abstractions...

...Fifteen buildings...make up this city. Eleven are three stories tall, the others one and two stories. Together, they provide more than 200,000 square feet of floor space...

The shells of these buildings, made of 3/8-inch continuous welded steel plates are supported by structural steel frames. Not built to please the eye, but to protect and survive...

It is completely defensive in nature, designed to give maximum protection to a small group of people whose tremendous task is directing a possible future battle in aerospace defense of the North American continent.

At the heart of this complex is the North American Air Defense Command's combat operations center...



ACT 4 : THE - WORLD - UNTIL - ICARUS - BOOK

(PRESENTED WITH
WASHING OF MILITARY
LAUNDRY)



ACT 5 : THE BIRCH FOREST

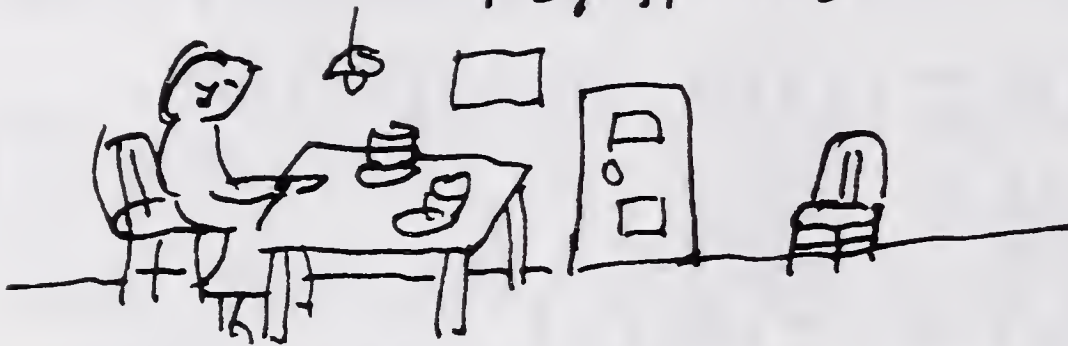
- ① DEMONS LEAVE FOREST
AS NEWSPAPERS ARE
HARVESTED
- ② SWEEPING OF FOREST
- ③ SERIOUS MAN 3
SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKS
FOREST



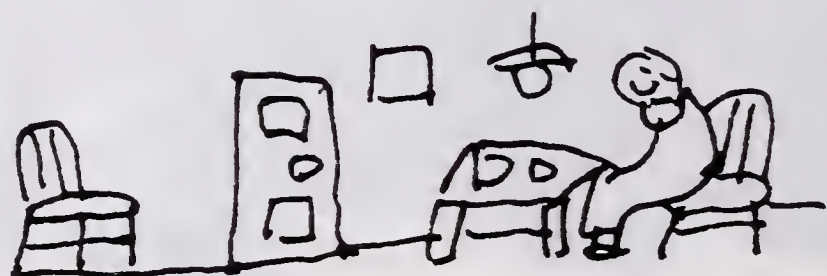
ACT 6 : 1ST FLYING
LESSON WITH BEHAVIORAL
INSTRUCTION AND 1ST
DEFENSE POLICY
STATEMENT



ACT 7 : WAITING FOR ICARUS



- ① THE GENTS
- ② WAITING
- ③ IRONING THE SHIRT OF
A SERIOUS MAN
- ④ WOMAN'S GUESSES
AND DANCE OF STANDARD
REACTIONS
- ⑤ MILITARY BLAST
- ⑥ ICARUS SAVES





ACT 8 :

2ND FLYING LESSON
WITH BEHAVIORAL
INSTRUCTION
AND 2ND DEFENSE
POLICY STATEMENT



ACT 9 : THE SAME BOAT



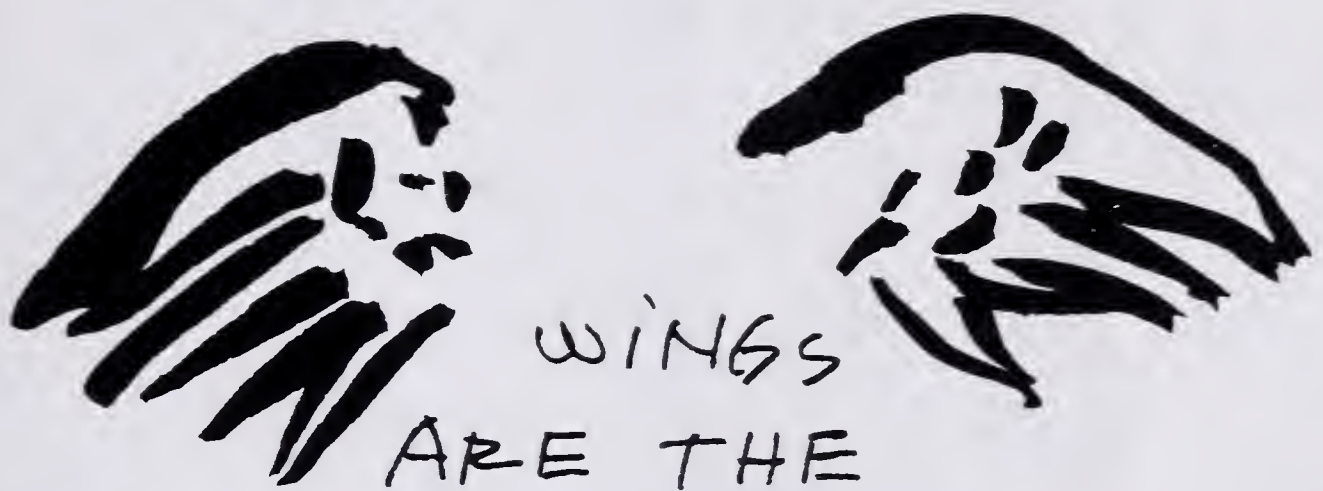
- ① NEWSPAPER WITH ICARDS
- ② AIRPLANE ATTACK
- ③ SERIOUS MAN 1 DESTROYS
HOUSE
- ④ CROWD DESTROYS
SERIOUS MAN 1
- ⑤ WE ARE ALL IN THE
SAME BOAT

The Ballistic Missile Early Warning System

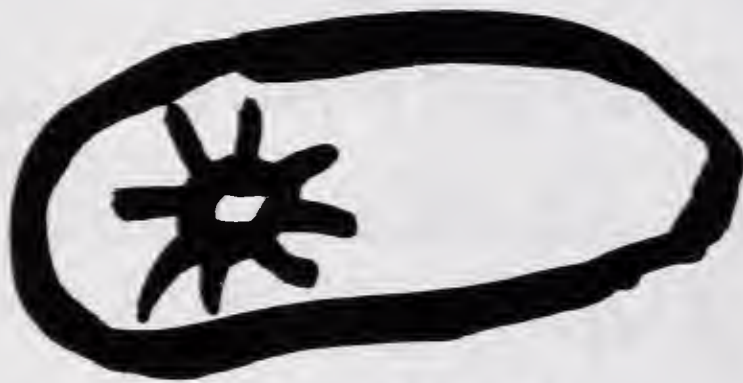
The Ballistic Missile Early Warning System is the checkmate to a sneak attack on this continent. It doesn't prevent the launching of an enemy attack, but it does make it a highly unprofitable venture for any aggressor to undertake.

BMEWS telegraphs the punch of the enemy. A costly mistake in either boxing or international nuclear warfare.

The almost immediate knowledge that a missile attack has been launched enables the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) to take steps that set into action a retaliatory force that would negate any tactical advantage any aggressor could hope to gain. The knowledge that this system will give ample warning time to launch a retaliatory arsenal of weapons against an aggressor has cut down the probability of attack.



WINGS
ARE THE
INSTRUMENTS OF INTELLIGENCE
DESIGNED TO FLEE THE
HORROR AND ABSURDITY
OF AN UNBEARABLE
HUMAN PREDICAMENT WHICH
EXISTS LARGELY BECAUSE
OF OUR ACCEPTANCE OF IT.
THEY MELT AND BREAK
BECAUSE FLIGHT IS AN
INSUFFICIENT RESPONSE
TO HORROR.



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